

What is claimed is:

1. A system comprising:
a combustion engine having an exhaust to emit water and exhaust gases from
5 the exhaust; and
a sound-dampening device coupled between the exhaust and a muffler, the
sound-dampening device including a tubular member having two or more internal
rings.
- 10 2. The system of claim 1, wherein the engine is within a genset.
3. The system of claim 1, wherein the tubular member includes a flexible
exhaust hose for connecting between the exhaust and a muffler, the flexible exhaust
hose having an inner diameter, and the two or more rings are located on the inner
15 diameter of the flexible exhaust hose, each ring having an outer diameter the same
as the inner diameter of the flexible exhaust hose and an inner diameter smaller than
the inner diameter of the flexible exhaust hose.
4. The system of claim 1, wherein the tubular member includes an exhaust tube
20 having a first end connectable to the exhaust, the tube including an inner diameter,
the inner diameter having the at least two rings mounted thereto, each ring having an
outer diameter the same as the inner diameter of the tube and an inner diameter
smaller than the inner diameter of the pipe.
- 25 5. The system of claim 1, wherein the system is adapted for marine use.
6. An apparatus comprising:

a flexible exhaust hose for connecting between a combustion engine and a muffler, the flexible exhaust hose having an inner diameter; and

two or more rings located on the inner diameter of the flexible exhaust hose, each ring having an outer diameter the same as the inner diameter of the flexible
5 exhaust hose and an inner diameter smaller than the inner diameter of the flexible exhaust hose.

7. The apparatus of claim 6, wherein the two or more rings are spaced about 4-
10 1/2 inches apart from each other along a length of the flexible exhaust hose.

8. The apparatus of claim 6, wherein the flexible exhaust hose has an outer
diameter of about 2 inches.

9. The apparatus of claim 6, wherein the flexible exhaust hose is adapted for
15 marine conditions.

10. The apparatus of claim 6, wherein the length of the flexible exhaust hose is
about 6 feet or less.

20 11. An apparatus comprising:
a rigid tube having a first end connectable to an exhaust outlet of a
combustion engine, the tube including an inner diameter, the inner diameter having
at least two rings mounted thereto, each ring having an outer diameter the same as
the inner diameter of the tube and an inner diameter smaller than the inner diameter
25 of the pipe.

12. The apparatus of claim 11, wherein the tube is a rigid metal pipe.

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13. The apparatus of claim 11, wherein a second end of the tube is connectable to a flexible marine exhaust hose.

14. The apparatus of claim 11, wherein the tube includes a first ring mounted to the first end of the tube and a second ring mounted to a second end of the pipe.

15. The apparatus of claim 11, wherein the tube and the rings are stainless steel.

16. The apparatus of claim 11, wherein the rings are adapted to create water droplets as exhaust gases and cooling water exit the genset.

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